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SUBJECT: U.S./SOUTH AFRICAN BILATERAL FEB. 23, 1978

1. US DEL (MOORE) MET WITH SOUTH AFRICAN MTN DELS (LOWRY AND PIENAAR) TO DISCUSS US OFFER ON AGRICULTURAL AND NON-AGRICULTURAL TARIFFS. SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE ANALYZED US OFFER IN SOME DETAIL AND APPEARED TO BE SATISFIED WITH QUALITY OF OFFER. WE POINTED OUT THAT US EXCEPTIONS AND PARTIAL CUTS ON TARIFFS ON IMPORTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA ARE MINIMAL AND OVERALL TRADE-WEIGHTED REDUCTION IS ABOUT 47
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PERCENT.

2. SOUTH AFRICANS RESPONDED TO US QUERY ABOUT TIMING OF THEIR OWN OFFER BY CITING PROTRACTED INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS ON DEPTH OF CUT. LOWRY INDICATED THAT SOUTH AFRICAN OFFER UNLIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE UNTIL MIDDLE OR END OF MARCH. US DEL STRESSED URGENCY OF EARLY ENGAGEMENT IN SUBSTANTIVE

NEGOTIATIONS AND POINTED OUT THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD RECEIVED DETAILED US REQUEST LIST IN JANUARY. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT INTERIM WORK PROGRAM PENDING SOUTH AFRICAN OFFER WOULD CONSIST OF CONTINUED CLARIFICATION OF US OFFERS AND US REQUESTS.

3. SOUTH AFRICANS INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE NEGOTIATING IN THE MTN ON BEHALF OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA. THAT COUNTRY IS TO BECOME FULLY INDEPENDENT LATER IN 1978 AND SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT CARRYING OUT ANY REPRESENTATION ROLE IN THE MTN.

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